

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of replacement drawing includes changes to Fig. 1.

Applicants have eliminated a portion of the line representing the schematically shown gears connected to the input shafts. The replacement Fig. 1, now shows the forward gears and the reverse gear rotatably connected to the input shafts. Because these changes will be readily apparent to the Examiner, an annotated sheet of drawing has not been included.

REMARKS

Only the allowable Claims 12, 13, 16-19 and 21 remain in the application. The antecedent basis and clarity issue with regard to Claim 12 have been addressed as has been the antecedent basis issue regarding Claim 17. Allowable Claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the features of Claims 11 and 20 from which it depended and by addressing the antecedent and clarity issue also raised regarding Claim 11.

Applicants seek clarification as to why the objection to Fig. 1 schematically showing the coaxial input shaft arrangement 2, 4 with their associated gears has been continued. They also submit a replacement page showing what they hope will address the Examiner's concern. A phone call to the undersigned would be appreciated should any questions with regard to the drawing changes arise.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

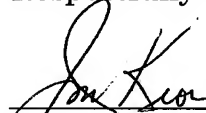
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.55239US).

Respectfully submitted,

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